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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
 Area Agencies on Aging

FROM: Ellen Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

DATE: January 24, 2006

SUBJECT: Respite Care Initiative Program FY 2005

The successful partnering of Commonwealth of Virginia Respite Care Initiative Grant Funds, local funds and client fees funded respite care for 416 citizens of the Commonwealth in FY2005. Eleven Area Agencies on Aging and two non-profits actively participated in the Respite Care Initiative Program in FY 2005. Caregivers received respite as clients participated in the following services:

Services	Number of Clients
Adult Day Care	162
Companion	21
Homemaker	29
Hospice	2
Personal Care	187
Other (counseling etc.)	15

The Respite Care Initiative Program funded an estimated 60,579 hours of service to clients and respite to their caregivers.

In FY2006, twelve Area Agencies on Aging and three non-profits will participate as grantees in the Respite Care Initiative Program – a program in great demand among caregivers in the Commonwealth. An estimated 250 clients were on waiting lists for the program's services in FY2005. The goal of the Respite Care Initiative Program is to provide respite to caregivers of providing twenty-four hour care to persons 60 years or older who have Alzheimer's Disease and/or related mental disorders.

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TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Ellen M. Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

DATE: January 24, 2006

**SUBJECT: National Family Caregiver Support Program
Kinship Care and Outreach**

Taking Care, a pamphlet encouraging caregivers to review their emotional and physical status is now available from the Virginia Caregiver Coalition (VCC). Supported by funding from the Administration on Aging and the Virginia Department for the Aging, the publication leaves room on the back for local Area Agencies on Aging to make their contact information available for caregivers. Additional copies of **Taking Care, A Resource Guide for Caregivers** is now available at VDA.

SB 585 Kinship care services is the fifth piece of kinship care legislation introduced at the 2006 General Assembly. (See Tuesday Mailing 1/10/06) This legislation proposes to allow children who are placed in kinship care and their caregivers access to all foster care services.

Human Trafficking was an issue of discussion at an Office of Newcomer Services (Department of Social Services) Partners Meeting that included VDA. Many Area Agencies on Aging have partnered with ONS on programs for elderly refugees. Several pieces of legislation introduced at the 2006 General Assembly concern this issue.

HB 418 Human Anti-Trafficking Act; created.

Summary as introduced.

Human Anti-Trafficking Act. Creates the Human Anti-Trafficking Act and punishes trafficking in humans for force labor as a Class 5 felony and trafficking in minors for sexual activity as a Class 4 felony. The measure also provides for civil remedies for the victims.

HB 965 Human Trafficking Act; created, report.

Summary as introduced.

Human trafficking; penalties. Establishes the crime of and punishment for human trafficking, a Class 5 felony. Provides for civil liability, business entity liability, restitution to victims, forfeiture of trafficker assets, and study by a Governor's Task Force.

HB 1100 Human Trafficking Act; created, report.

Summary as introduced:

Human Trafficking Act; penalties. Establishes in Virginia law a variation of the "Model State Anti-Trafficking Criminal Statute" proposed by the U.S. Department of Justice.

SB 291 Human Anti-Trafficking Act; created.

Summary as introduced.

Human Anti-Trafficking Act. Creates the Human Anti-Trafficking Act and punishes trafficking in humans for forced labor as a Class 5 felony and trafficking in minors for sexual activity as a Class 4 felony. The measure also provides for civil remedies for the victims.

On January 10, 2006 President Bush signed legislation that **renews the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000**, the first comprehensive U.S. law aimed at deterring trafficking, punishing traffickers and protecting and rehabilitating the victims. The bill will provide \$361 million over the next two years to combat human trafficking and protect victims. The new legislation reauthorizes funding for anti-trafficking programs in the United States and abroad that were initiated by the 2000 law, as well as providing additional funding and programs. http://usinfo.state.gov/gi/global_issues/human_trafficking.html

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TO: Executive Directors - Area Agencies on Aging
Information & Referral/Assistance Staff

FROM: Faye D. Cates, MSSW, Human Services Program Coordinator

DATE: January 24, 2006

SUBJECT: HUD OFFERS HELP TO FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) wants more community and faith-based groups to get access to federal housing grants. HUD is offering training sessions on the Art and Science of Grant Writing for these organizations. "Many of these smaller community-based organizations simply can't afford an experienced grant writer to apply for federal grants," said HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson.

The ***Regional Conferences*** will offer a general overview of the Faith-Based and Community Initiative, information about the Federal funding process, available funding opportunities, and the requirements that come with the receipt of Federal funds. These conferences are geared towards those who are new to the Initiative, have no history of applying for government grants, or have attempted to secure government funding, but have not yet been successful.

The ***Targeted Workshops*** will offer grant writing tutorials for certain Federal grant programs that present the greatest opportunity for faith-based and community organizations. These workshops are geared towards experienced organizations with a track record of applying for government funds, particularly those that have not yet been successful.

The Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI) is hosting a series of Regional Conferences and Targeted Workshops on President Bush's Initiative in cities across the country. The conferences are free but pre-registration is required. The next White House events will take place on Tuesday, February 7, 2006, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Wednesday, April 12, 2006, in Jacksonville, Florida. Representatives from faith-based and community organizations that have a track record of applying for government grants, particularly those who have not yet won grants, should attend.

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For more information, visit HUD's web site www.hud.gov/offices/fbcj. This is an excellent opportunity for the AAAs to reach out and partner with faith-based and community organizations to learn more about funding opportunities for affordable housing that can impact on your communities.

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**SUBJECT: BUSH ADMINISTRATION AWARDS FIRST EVER ASSISTED LIVING
CONVERSION GRANT IN VIRGINIA**

Elderly Americans in Arlington, Virginia will soon find themselves living in upgraded apartments equipped to meet their physical needs thanks to a \$5.7 million Assisted Living Conversion Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

THIS award will permit Volunteers of America in Arlington to convert the unused Oak Springs commercial building at 2000 South 5th Street in Arlington into a 52-unit residence providing supportive services to low-income residents age 50 or older who have mental health or cognitive disabilities.

This is the first time that a Virginia organization has won a HUD Assisted Living Conversion Grant and is one of just 12 grants worth a total of \$22.1 million awarded by HUD in its 2005 Assisted Living Conversion grant competition. In addition to the Virginia grant, there were also grants awarded in Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania.

"These grants will provide an affordable option to nursing home placement for elderly persons," said HUD Regional Director Guy Ciarrocchi. "They will allow the elderly an opportunity to remain in familiar and comfortable surroundings and not have to move from their surroundings as they become older and need supportive services."

Assisted living facilities are designed to accommodate low-income elderly and persons with disabilities who can live independently but need assistance with activities of daily living, such as assistance with eating, bathing, grooming, dressing and home management activities. These affordable facilities provide support services such as personal care, transportation, meals, and housekeeping.

The grants were awarded on a competitive basis. During the review process, items taken into consideration included: the extent to which the conversion is needed by the persons that the project is intended to serve; the quality and effectiveness of the proposal in addressing the

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proposed conversion including the meals and supportive services which the project intends to provide; the ability of the project owner to secure other community resources which can be combined with the grant to achieve the program's purposes; as well as the capacity of the project owner to carry out the conversion in a timely and effective manner.

Since the funds awarded under the Assisted Living Conversion Program do not cover the costs of these services, the project owners must provide the service funds either directly or through a third party. The projects receiving funding today will be providing services through a number of sources including their State Home Health Care programs, State Assisted Living Services funds, Congregate Housing Services Program funds, Service Coordinator funds and private grants and donations.

The Arlington Volunteers of America Supportive Services Plan (SSP) includes provisions for three meals and two snacks per day based on individual dietary needs, house keeping, personal care services, counseling services, social activities and the administration of medication under the general supervision of a nurse. The SSP documents financial support from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide an auxiliary grant to enable the residents to pay the established assisted living facility rate. It is anticipated that all of the residents will qualify for this grant funding. DHS also provided a written commitment to provide \$880,914, should the Arlington VOA successfully compete for the Fiscal Year 2005 ALCP funds.

The owners are responsible for ensuring that converted units meet all local standards, codes and regulations governing assisted living facilities. The projects must also be licensed and regulated by the appropriate governing body. When completed, the Arlington facility will be fully handicapped accessible. Renovation will include emergency response systems including 24 hour a day on-site staff to respond to the residents' needs, at least one cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certified staff member and emergency pull cords in all bedrooms and bathrooms. Other features to ensure the residents' safety against fire include duct smoke detectors and a sprinkler system.

HUD is the nation's housing agency committed to increasing homeownership, particularly among minorities; creating affordable housing opportunities for low-income Americans; and supporting the homeless, elderly, people with disabilities and people living with AIDS. The Department also promotes economic and community development as well as enforces the nation's fair housing laws. More information about HUD and its programs is available on the Internet at www.hud.gov and espanol.hud.gov.

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TO: Executive Directors - Area Agencies on Aging
AAA Transportation Managers & Coordinators

FROM: Faye D. Cates, MSSW, Human Services Program Coordinator

DATE: January 24, 2006

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION FUNDING & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

I share with you this information that was just distributed by Barry Michael, AoA Transportation Liaison. The Community Transportation Association of America is pleased to announce one new funding opportunity, three regional meetings and the availability of rural technical assistance.

**1) New Funding Opportunity: Community-Based Transportation Planning Grants:
Expanding Mobility Options in our Nation's Communities:**

To increase the involvement and leadership of faith-based and other community-based organizations in improving access to and from low-income communities and employment sites, One Stop Centers, social services, and other destinations necessary for quality of life, the Community Transportation Association of America will provide selected communities with community-based planning grants. Community-based organizations will join other key partners in forming the core planning team.

Up to \$60,000 is available for each grantee. Between five and ten grantees will be selected. Scheduled to begin March 2006, each project will last for up to nine months.

For more information and to download the solicitation, visit our employment transportation website at:

www.ctaa.org/ntrc/is_employment.asp

Or call toll-free 800.891.0590 ext. 729.

PROPOSALS DUE: Friday, January 27, 2006

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2) Two Regional Employment Transportation Conferences: Building Mobility Partnerships for Employment. The Community Transportation Association is hosting two day-long workshops.

Wednesday, February 8, 2006 Embassy Suites at Atlanta Airport, Georgia

Wednesday, March 29, 2006 Radisson Hotel & Suites – City Center Kansas City, Missouri

Workshop overview: This conference will provide decision-makers and program managers with ideas, tools and promising practices for creating a full range of community mobility options that connect job seekers and employees with work, education, training and other destinations. Join your colleagues in the transportation, workforce development, disability services and human services arena for a day of determining what vital community partnerships can do to make this connection happen.

For more information and to register: www.ctaa.org/ntrc/meetings.asp

3) Roundtable and Listening Session in Southern California: Mobility for All, Mobility for Life: A Community Roundtable February 17, 2006 - Pasadena Hilton, Pasadena, Calif.

About The Roundtable: The Community Transportation Association is hosting a one-day workshop and listening session focusing on expanding transportation services for transportation disadvantaged populations. The roundtable is designed to strengthen transportation for citizens in every community through a dialogue among transportation providers, faith and community-based organizations and others.

While this meeting will primarily draw attendance from those in the Southern California area, others from outside the region are certainly welcomed.

For more information visit: www.ctaa.org/ntrc/pasadena.asp

Please direct any questions to **Rich Sampson**, sampson@ctaa.org.

4) CTAA announces technical assistance grants for rural and tribal transportation planning due by February 28, 2006. The Community Transportation Association of America Seeks Technical Assistance Project Applications

CTAA is currently seeking applicants for its 2006 Technical Assistance Programs. Through the Programs, CTAA offers free hands-on technical assistance to rural communities and tribal

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organizations. The assistance can help start new transit programs, expand or enhance existing services, or develop facilities. Projects will stimulate economic development and small business growth. The Programs provide planning assistance only, from CTAA staff and consultants. Although CTAA cannot provide operating or capital funding through the Programs, potential funding sources for implementation will be identified.

Rural projects must be located in communities of less than 50,000 in population, and outside designated urbanized areas. Applicants must be for-profit or not-for-profit entities; potential governmental applicants should contact CTAA for further guidance.

Tribal applicants must be federally recognized tribal entities.

Applications are for long term projects and are due at CTAA by February 28, 2006. Long term projects will be selected competitively. CTAA also provides short term technical assistance; applications can be submitted at any time. For more information contact **Charles Rutkowski** at 202.299.6593, e-mail at rutkowski@ctaa.org or visit CTAA's website at <http://www.ctaa.org/techassist/usda/index.asp>.